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A comprehensive physical theory *explains* all aspects of the physical universe, including quantum aspects, classical aspects, relativistic aspects, their relationships, and unification. The central *nonlocality principle* leads to a *nonlocal geometry* that explains entire quantum phenomenology, including two-slit experiment, Aspect-type experiments, quantum randomness, tunneling etc. The infinitesimal aspect of this geometry is a usual (differential) geometry, various aspects of which are energy-momentum, spin-helicity, electric, color and flavor charges. Their interactions are governed by a mathematically automatic field equation—also a grand conservation principle. New predictions: a new particle property; bending-of-light estimates refined over relativity's; shape of the universe; a *no gravitational singularity* theorem; etc. Nonlocal physics is formulated using a *nonlocal calculus* and *nonlocal differential equations*, replacing inadequate local concepts of Newton's calculus and partial differential equations. Usual quantum formalisms follow from our theory—the latter doesn't rest on the former.

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. INTRODUCTION

The primary purpose of a scientific theory is to understand complex phenomena with the aid of simpler and readily comprehensible concepts. Modern physics is faced with a great challenge—quantum phenomena. These still lack consistent rational explanation after a hundred years since their discovery. While there are many formalisms in use to compute numbers, there is hardly any comprehensible explanation of the phenomena. Most of the paradoxes of the quantum theory are paradoxes of the theory rather than those of observed phenomena. Clearly, a fresh consistent set of concepts are needed to actually understand the seemingly bizarre quantum phenomena. Thus, we abandon the entire opaque machinery of quantum mathematics and all its interpretations. Aspect-type experiments reveal the inherent nonlocality of the physical world. Hence, we also abandon the very basis of classical physics—the tacit assumption that phenomena are governed by local mechanisms. Instead, we propose a nonlocal physics, constructed from scratch. This physics also lays bare the integrated reality which underlies all the myriad fields, particles, their properties, and their fields.

Fortunately, this entire new conceptual framework can be deduced from one physical principle, the *nonlocality principle*. The latter leads to a nonlocal geometry, which is specified by a nonlocal connection (as opposed to classical, local connection in the sense of differential geometry). This nonlocal connection explains entire quantum phenomenology on one hand while its local aspect, a classical connection, is the universal field which yields an integrated geometric description of all the forces, particles, fields, energy-momentum, charges, and other quantum numbers.

Due to nonlocality, fields can't be assumed to be smooth or even continuous. Thus, the local concepts of Newton's calculus are inadequate to *completely* describe the physical world, and predict outcomes of experiments. While the classical physics is encoded in terms of relationships among (local) rates of change of physical quantities, the crucial concepts of nonlocal physics involve the way physical quantities are related to each other nonlocally. Thus, the new laws should be formulated as statements of these nonlocal relationships. For these reasons, we devise a new *nonlocal* calculus and nonlocal differential equations.

Although this calculus correctly, and completely, encodes nonlocal dependences among fields, the fields are still local in that they are defined point-wise. The nonlocal connection mentioned above is not a field defined point-wise. It is defined at *ordered pairs* of points; and its value at a pair relates vectors and tensors at one point with those at the other. To analyze this essentially nonlocal field and its various aspects, we devise a calculus of nonlocal fields, along with a nonlocal differential geometry. Then we write down *the* field equation, in terms of concepts of this calculus. This equation governs all aspects of the physical world.

We make no attempt to explain any of the current quantum formalisms, nor is any consideration given to the paradoxes arising out of these formalisms. We only explain observed physical phenomena. Our theory is formulated completely using real numbers—noncommutative variables are not needed.

Besides explaining a great many unexplained phenomena, several new predictions are deduced.

It can't be over-emphasized that, while current theoretical trends in science and philosophy actively shun determinism and rationality, our theory brings us back to the realm of classical logic, and to a determinism stronger than that of Newton's. Ironically enough, this form of determinism has plenty of room for 'free will', and it also causes the apparent quantum randomness.

This report consists of three chapters. Chapter I introduces the nonlocality principle and explains quantum phenomena. Chapter II examines the fundamental field, which follows from the nonlocality principle. Since this field is a nonlocal object and has a local, infinitesimal aspect, the analysis takes three forms. The first analyzes the local aspect using infinitesimal methods; i.e., using Newton's calculus. Here, various aspects of the local aspect will be identified with various properties of particles. Using these fields we can build various particles, and the field equation mandates that they should interact. This local analysis works only for fields measured at larger scales, and when measured at smaller scales, the effects of nonlocality manifest, we

lose local smooth nature of fields. Consequently, we can't even formulate laws governing these using local calculus, and we can't predict events. Consequently, we next analyze the local aspect using a nonlocal analysis. This yields a more natural set of equations encoding complete information on the field. We are still left with an unknown—the nonlocal connection itself. This being a truly nonlocal object, we devise a calculus for such objects. For more details, see the table of contents. Chapter III lists several new predictions. We have systematically suppressed much technical details. An exhaustive discussion of concepts and technical details, can be found in the forthcoming research monograph, *Principia Physica*, by the author.

I. THE PRINCIPLE

A. Nonlocal field

1. Nonlocality Principle

Classically, it is conceived that an individual event affects events only in its immediate vicinity, and this effect travels from point to point with definite speed. The discovery of a series of quantum effects, which culminated in Aspect-type experiments, forces us to abandon this classical, local, way of describing the physical world. It has been evident for at least fifteen years that the quantum world is ruled by essentially nonlocal mechanisms, and there is no way to reduce this nonlocality to classical local objects. We propose that this fact of the physical world be adopted as a fundamental physical principle.

Thus, we propose a fundamentally different mechanism of how events affect each other. While the classical viewpoint is essentially local, we propose that any two events (points) reflect events in each-other's vicinity, and this is an immediate reflection without any notion of a signal traveling from one point to another. This may sound absurd at first, but its full implications are very naturally intuitive and consistent with observation. This is because at any given point x , the reflections from other points *add up* to describe the events in the immediate neighborhood of x . For example, the value of a field at a point is the sum of the values reflected from all the other points of spacetime. Thus, even though each point reflects events everywhere else, all points do not look the same. Also, as we look at successive space-like sections, we perceive some effects to be moving from point to point and with definite speeds. Thus, although our hypothesis asserts a strong *action-at-a-distance*, its cumulative effects may appear to be traveling from point to point with definite speeds; consequently, the classical viewpoint is not contradicted, but is supplemented at a more fundamental level. We call this hypothesis of events being reflected in different neighborhoods the nonlocality principle.

This principle can be refined using mathematical language. For this we need to define two basic concepts. Following Einstein, we think of the universe as the set of events: each event corresponding to a mathematical point in spacetime¹; but we call them **point events** instead, to underscore their exact conceptual content. Now we define an **event** to be any set of point events. E.g., entire spacetime is an event, and so is a single point event. Also, the trajectory (or part thereof) of an electron is an event. Now we formulate the **nonlocality principle** more precisely:

Spacetime, X , the set of point events, is a four-dimensional smooth manifold, such that every pair of point events, (x, y) , is nonlocally connected in the following sense: given a pair of points x and y , and their neighborhoods U and V , respectively, then events in each one of the neighborhoods U and V , are reflected onto the other, x and y being images of each other: these reflections are described by smooth maps between neighborhoods, and are asymptotically exact in the following sense. As the neighborhoods become smaller, the reflections converge to inverse, one-to-one, reflections.

The consequences of the principle will follow regardless of how we choose to formalize the asymptotic convergence (there are several ways); so we can afford to be vague about the latter—at least for the time being.

We can deduce entire physics from this single hypothesis. In particular, we propose that nothing exists but this scheme of reflections between pairs of neighborhoods. Thus, our theory does not even assume the existence of matter, energy, fields, particles etc.; rather, we deduce all these from the nonlocality principle as formulated above.

The seminal consequence of the principle is that it implies a nonlocal connection on spacetime. We use the word 'connection' in the sense that it lets us compare vectors at any pair of points in spacetime. The classical connection, as conceived in differential geometry, is **local** in the sense that it is essentially a way of relating vectors at any point with those in its immediate (infinitesimal) vicinity. *A posteriori*, it allows us to compare vectors at distinct points through parallel transport along paths. We note that this way of comparing vectors at distinct points depends on the path along which one transports the vectors. This again points out the fact that the classical connection is essentially an infinitesimal object whose integral is the classical parallel transport. As

¹Actually it is possible to formulate the principle—without any reference to a pre-existing spacetime—in the mathematical language of categories; essentially by formalizing the way one arrives at the concept of a point from that of a neighborhood. It is not clear whether this will add to our understanding of physical phenomena, though.

opposed to that, our nonlocal connection is **nonlocal** in the sense that it provides a means of comparing vectors at any two distinct points *directly*, without any primary notion of infinitesimal transport of vectors or the accompanying path-dependant parallel transport. We will also show that this nonlocal connection has an infinitesimal (local) aspect which is nothing but a classical (local) connection. Our theory accomplishes three important objectives:

- (1) The nonlocal connection *explains* all quantum aspects of the physical world.
- (2) The local, infinitesimal, aspect of this connection gives a *unified* description all the fields, particles, quantum numbers, charges, mass, energy, momentum, etc.
- (3) It is devoid of singularities.

We observe that the quantum aspects are more apparent at smaller scales because the nonlocal reflections grow more and more accurate as the neighborhoods grow smaller. Notions of ‘rate’ at which this convergence to perfect accuracy occurs depend on notions of ‘size’ of neighborhoods. The latter depend on the metric, the origins of which will be examined in the body of the work.

We will not go into this any farther because we can formulate our theory without any reference to it, or any other constants—dimensional or dimensionless.

If an intuitive picture of the universe is sought, we can say that it is a giant kaleidoscope, each point being an infinitesimal mirror reflecting all other mirrors. Another metaphor would be a cross-section of a bundle of optic fibers, which are fused together at one end into a single point. Yet another visualization of these nonlocal connections is the image of a telephone exchange, where each point of spacetime corresponds to a telephone; each phone being in direct instantaneous communication with all the other phones. Then, cumulative information at each point may appear to travel at finite speeds despite the underlying instantaneous communication among the phones.

2. Preliminary consequences of the principle

a. Nonlocal connection As a consequence of the principle, there exists a one-to-one correspondence between vectors at x and vectors at y . It is easy to visualize this correspondence. Every vector can be thought of as a tangent to a particle trajectory. Since events, such as particle trajectories, are reflected between pair of neighborhoods, we see that this induces a correspondence of vectors at points in these neighborhoods. Mathematically, this correspondence is an isomorphism from the tangent vector-space T_x at x to the tangent vector-space T_y at y ; roughly speaking, this isomorphism, say λ_{xy} , is the ‘derivative’ or an infinitesimal limit of the correspondence referred to in the nonlocality principle. Thus, we have, for every pair of points in spacetime, a way to compare vectors at one of the points with those at the other. This is reminiscent of the notion of connection from differential geometry, which lets us compare vectors at a point with those at points in its infinitesimal neighborhood. This, the classical kind of connection, is consequently a *local* connection. As opposed to that, what we have above is best described as a **nonlocal** connection, say λ , whose value at an ordered pair of points (x, y) is the isomorphism λ_{xy} . Note that λ_{xy} and λ_{yx} are inverse isomorphisms. Also, λ_{xy} naturally extends to the whole tensor algebra at x .

b. Sum of reflections Consider a fixed point x in spacetime. For any other point y , events around y will be reflected in events around x . For example, if an elementary physical field F takes the value $F(y)$ at y , then it will contribute $\lambda_{yx}(F(y))$ to the value of the field F at x . Here $\lambda_{yx}(F(y))$ is the value of the vector $F(y)$ under the map λ_{yx} . Thus, the field value at x is the *sum* of all these contributions as y ranges over entire spacetime. This sum is described mathematically by an integral:

$$F(x) = \int \lambda_{yx}(F(y)) dy \quad (1)$$

Note that the integrand is a function on X with values in the vector-space T_x . This integral is defined using a volume-form on X , integrating vector-valued functions component-wise. Volume-form of a manifold is determined only up to a scalar multiple. We will see later that a metric determines a volume-form *and* the physical measurements of the components of any field are also dependant on this the metric. These dependances compensate for each other, and the above integral equation is unambiguous, i.e. independant of the metric. From this equation, we see that, elementary physical fields are extremely nonlocal objects in the sense that values at each point depend on values at all other points—not just nearby points.

1. Two-slit experiment

Because of equation (1) we can view an elementary particle as a field which may appear localized in a portion of spacetime and yet be spread-out over entire spacetime; e.g., we can visualize an electron as a very intense region of a field. Now, since this part of the field is the sum-total of the field everywhere else (see equation 1), it can also be viewed as spread-out over entire spacetime. Reciprocally, this nonlocal summation can give rise to intense regions in the field, which are dependant on the values of the field everywhere else. Thus, discreteness and contiguousness exist simultaneously, and yet in a non-contradictory way. Also, more localized the particle-like phenomenon is, more it comes under the purview of nonlocal connection, and more it manifests its wave-particle duality. This is the basic picture to keep in mind when trying to understand quantum phenomena. The two-slit experiment becomes immediately comprehensible from this picture. As an aside, we mention that since clumpiness naturally arises from the nonlocal character of spacetime, it may explain COBE-type data and distribution of galaxies.

2. Quantum randomness

Consider the history of an observer in time as a one-parameter family of space-like sections of spacetime. Then, given a field, the nonlocality principle implies that the observer will not be able to predict exactly how the field will change over his own history: The fields need not be smooth, or even continuous, thus, the usual calculus is powerless to capture the (essentially nonlocal) relationships among fields, and we can't predict anything using this classical concepts. Since we recognize fields and particles as the same entity, we see that it is not possible to predict any event exactly as conceived in classical physics. Thus, the observer is left with the feeling that the events are purely random, and he is led to believe that physical objects such as particles don't have physical properties until they are observed. All the famous paradoxes of quantum theory are based on this assumption and on the undue significance that the process of measurement receives due to it.

3. Aspect-type experiments

The basic picture mentioned above also makes Aspect-type results transparent, lending a solid physical explanation for the violation of Bell's inequality.

4. Quantum tunneling

This is just a manifestation of the apparent randomness and unconnectedness of two events: vanishing of a particle at one point, and its reappearance elsewhere. The point is that a particle doesn't have to go *through* a wall to appear on the other side. The electron may not even have a continuous world history, i.e. it may not have trajectory in the classical sense of the word. The field configuration over the whole spacetime, when viewed as space-like slices, appears to evolve in such a way that it exhibits nonlocal effects, such as presence of its particle on one side of the wall in one instance, and on the other side in the next instance.

5. Deterministic choice

We have already noticed that the nonlocality principle is an expression of an extreme form of determinism. Despite this, there is considerable room for an illusion of choice in this theory. Consider the case of an elementary field being monitored by an observer. At any instance in time according to his frame of reference, the field configuration in his past is already determined. Taking into account the total nonlocal dependence of the field, one would think that the field configuration in the future, too is completely determined. This is not the case: Since the value of the field at any point is given by an *integral* over \mathbf{X} , there can be infinitely many configurations, which can be related to the past of our observer by equation (1). Consequently, the future of the configuration has a fair degree of freedom without the need to alter the past. However, we note that any two of these configurations can differ only on a set of measure zero. Thus, all these configurations are almost same. The word almost is used here in the strict mathematical sense of measure theory. Thus given data on a part of the universe which has nonzero measure, we can, in principle, always compute the rest of the configuration modulo sets of measure zero. The difference on set of measure is not a serious problem because actual measurements at a point can not be made. What we measure is the average value over a small region containing the point, and averages are same for two fields differing on a set of measure zero.

The nonlocal connection λ gives rise to a classical, local connection in the following manner. Consider a path γ connecting two distinct points x and y . Now we describe an integration procedure similar to usual Riemann integral from calculus. Let a finite sequence, s , of points x_0, \dots, x_n on γ be such that $x_0 = x$, $x_n = y$, and x_i is between x_{i-1} and x_{i+1} , for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$. This sequence determines a sequence of isomorphisms $\lambda_{x_i x_{i+1}}$, $i = 0, \dots, n-1$. Let λ_{xy}^s be the isomorphism obtained by composing successive maps in this sequence. Now, letting n tend to ∞ yields a map, which we denote by the symbol λ_{xy} . This map depends on the path joining the two points x and y , and defines a parallel transport on X . The corresponding (classical, local) affine connection be denoted by ω . Note that this is a connection in the bundle $A(X)$ of affine frames of X .

In classical realm, ω is our fundamental field potential, and its curvature Ω the fundamental field strength; various physical objects will turn out to be aspects of this field. Note that ω is the only structure we have assumed for our spacetime. (Actually it is just the classical aspect of our nonlocal connection λ .) In particular, we have not assumed a particular metric tensor on the spacetime X . We will see that all matter, energy, spin, helicity, charges, fields and particles are aspects of this field; and this field is not something arbitrarily sewn together from these constituents. Instead, it is a geometry arising out of the nonlocal character of spacetime—the constituents are mere aspects of this geometry.

II. THE FIELD

A. Phenomena and Observation: Classical and Quantum

When we measure fields, each measurement is an average over small region of spacetime, and as we have seen in (IA 1), the effects of nonlocality tends to decrease as the regions become larger. Thus the behaviour of fields measured at larger scales, i.e. if each measurement is performed of a large enough region then the measured fields appear local, i.e. classical. This classical behaviour is fully described by partial differential equations, which we will deduce in the next section (II B).

As the sensitivity of measurement is increased, each measurement is an average over smaller region and the effects of non-locality become more apparent and the fields (as measured by us) don't satisfy the partial differential equations. Indeed, they need not be smooth, or continuous, even. Thus, the nonlocal character of the universe forces us to abandon description in terms of partial differential equations and adopt some nonlocal concepts for description, so we would be able to compute empirical predictions. Furthermore, in a nonlocal universe, it is only natural that laws of physics are best formulated in terms of nonlocal concepts. For these reasons, we introduce nonlocal calculus and nonlocal differential equations in the section (II C). We then formulate the fundamental nonlocal field equation. This equation contains lot more information on our local fields than does the local equation. Note that fields analyzed here are local but the analysis is nonlocal. Note that this analysis rests on the assumption that we know the nonlocal connection ω .

Our final and ultimate task is to find the ultimate unknown, the nonlocal connection ω which is a truly nonlocal field. To find this field, we need to develop a calculus of such truly nonlocal fields. Then, we introduce the notion of nonlocal differential equations, and point out that ω automatically satisfies an identity, a nonlocal differential equation. This we called *the field equation*. All these matters are presented in the section (II D).

B. Classical Phenomena: Classical Observer

1. Lorentzian metric and time

We re-iterate the fact that we have not assumed a metric for our spacetime. It turns out that it is intimately related to how we have classically chosen to measure various physical quantities; specifically, the measure of time.

Consider the case of spacetime which is the vector space R^4 , without any structure assumed. As Einstein argued, our measurement of distance depends on our notion of simultaneity, and hence on how we measure time. Thus, given an observer, he takes an event (which is a collection of point-events) and fixes that as his reference to time measurements. This event consists of his “world history”. All the measurements of distances are then based on this reference time, commonly known as his proper-time. The reason why he has chosen to take *time* as his reference lies in the way he experiences the world, i.e. the topology of his consciousness. Besides this issue, there is no inherent reason for him to choose this collection of events, his proper-time, as his reference. It just happens to be convenient for him to make this choice. As soon as he makes this choice, his space measurements are fixed. Now, if there is another observer moving with respect to him, and making a similar choice of his notion of time, his own space measurements are fixed. Because of this dependence, there are world-histories whose slope, say c , remains unchanged as compared to that measured by the first observer. This slope is recognized as the speed of light. Thus, both

the observers are forced to deduce a Lorentzian metric being present. Now consider a straightline which has a slope greater than c (the speed of light) as measured by one, and hence, both of these observers. As we have seen, there is no inherent reason to exclude this collection of events from being a reference for measuring other quantities. However, the constancy of speed of light as observed by the first two observers mandates that this third “observer” can not be observed by them. Also, from the viewpoint of the third observer, the first two can not be observed. Furthermore, a fourth observer who *can* be observed by the third one, will have his own notion of time and the dependant notion of space, which will again isolate straightlines, whose slope, say c' , invariant between these two observers. Again, they will deduce a Lorentzian metric.

Thus, if we choose to base our measurements on fixing a notion of time and proceeding thenceforth, we see that the class of what we call “frames of reference” splits into mutually exclusive partitions; each partition containing those frames of reference, which are related to each other by Lorentz transformations; and frames in separate partitions are mutually unobservable, i.e. can not be experienced as a time ordered sequence of events. Now, as soon as we choose one of these frames of reference, we have limited ourselves to one such partition, and since only the frames of reference in this partition are mutually observable, a consensus is reached among these frames of reference, that there is an inherent metric to the spacetime. Thus, with each partition of frames of reference is associated one Lorentzian metric, and it can easily be seen that different partitions assign different metrics to themselves in this manner. Since the choice of frame of reference is an arbitrary one, we see that the metric, which is forced upon such choice is an arbitrary one.

Also, given any straightline, l , we can find a partition, such that the slope of l is an invariant among the frames of reference belonging to this partition. Thus any ‘ray’ is a ‘ray of light’ for some class of frames of reference, in that it can serve as the determining factor of Lorentz transformations which relate these frames of reference. There is nothing inherently special about light as a physical phenomenon.

Now, this whole discussion, which pertained to R^4 , can be transferred to the tangent spaces of individual point-events and the (infinitesimal) frames of reference at each such point-event. Thus, as soon as we fix an infinitesimal frame of reference at any given point, we restrict ourselves to a partition of (infinitesimal) frames of reference related to each other by Lorentz transformations; and to these frames of reference, it would appear as if there is an inherent metric at the point-event. This holds for each point-event; consequently, given an actual (not infinitesimal) frame of reference, which covers a region in spacetime, there is a corresponding, automatic choice of infinitesimal frame of reference, and the corresponding metric, at each point-event in this region. Thus, it would appear to this frame of reference that there is an Einsteinian metric in the region of spacetime it covers. Consequently, we see that an Einsteinian metric is forced on us as soon as we choose a frame of reference, and the fact that *it is Einsteinian* is forced on us because of our choice of basing measurements on a time-based reference. Thus, we have an actual, physical, reduction of the structure group from the general linear to Lorentz group. As soon as we choose to observe the universe in a time-bound fashion, the observable universe adopts this reduction, this reduced amount of symmetries makes us believe that various aspects of the linear aspect of the local field Ω are invariant under this group, and forces us to recognize these split aspects as something inherent in our universe. These splittings *are* various myriad forms (fields-particles) as observed by the observer (and any other observer in his partition). We will study these splittings and the accompanying equations in the next section. For now, we note that these splittings and the equations are independent of this arbitrary choice of metric, i.e. the chosen reduction of the general linear group to Lorentz group.

Now, we note that any closed curve in spacetime is time-like with respect to some metric. Thus, even in noncompact universe, one can not escape the possibility of closed time-like curves. Consequently, it would appear that universe is noncausal and that this noncausal character is dependant on the metric chosen. This forces us to look at the notion of causality more closely. We start with a concrete example. Consider a classical particle with definite properties at a certain point in spacetime, and having a closed world-line, which can be considered time-like according to some metric. As it approaches its initial position after traversing its closed path, if the values of its characteristic properties approach a value different than the one at the initial position, then there will be a break of causality. Thus, the break in causality is equivalent to the mathematical concept of discontinuity. Since all our fields (and hence particle trajectories), are smooth, and hence continuous, this circumstance can not arise and the aforementioned properties of the particle, as it approaches the initial position, will be forced to approach the same as those actually present at the initial position. The same can be argued with more complex objects, such as human beings. Thus, our universe, although it permits “closed timelike paths”, does not lead to break-down of causality in classical picture.

Let us consider the integral (1) and the ambiguity in choice of the volume-form used in that integral. We first notice that given a Lorentzian metric, there is a corresponding volume-form. Thus the volume form depends on our choice of an observer, specifically, on the notion of time of this observer. On the other hand, our measurements of the components of field F are also dependant on the notion of time of this observer. Following Einstein’s considerations on how space measurements get contracted upon change of observer, it is easy to see that all measurements based on time get contracted upon such change. This contraction compensates exactly for the multiplication by a scalar to the volume-form that such change entails. Thus, there is no ambiguity in the definition of the integral in question.

Finally, we notice that our choice of observing the universe in a local, time-bound manner, forces us to see only the local, i.e. point-wise, aspect Ω of the nonlocal field Ω . However, since we can not escape the nonlocality, this field is observed as compounded by the integral (1).

The bundle $A(X)$ of affine frames on X is a principle fiber bundle with structure group $GA(4, \mathbb{R})$, the general affine group, i.e. the full group of affine automorphisms of the four-dimensional real affine space \mathbb{R}^4 . The affine connection ω is represented by a 1-form on $A(X)$ with values in the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{ga}(4, \mathbb{R})$ of the Lie group $GA(4, \mathbb{R})$. We denote this 1-form by the same letter ω . If D denotes the covariant exterior derivative with respect to ω , then the Bianchi identity, $D^2\omega = 0$, holds. We define **curvature** Ω of a connection ω to be the covariant exterior derivative of ω with respect to itself: $\Omega = D\omega$. Thus, Bianchi identity can be rewritten:

$$D\Omega = 0 \quad (2)$$

This we call the **local field equation**. Rather than being an additional hypothesis, the local field equation is a consequence of the fact that Ω is a curvature. Note that this equation is a conservation principle. Also, since D depends on ω , the field equation is *non-linear*.

3. Forces and Charges

a. Identifying forces and charges Now, the bundle $A(X)$ naturally contains the bundle $L(X)$ of linear frames on X . The Lie algebra of the affine group splits naturally; $\mathfrak{ga}(4, \mathbb{R}) = \mathfrak{gl}(4, \mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathbb{R}^4$, where the first term on the right is the Lie algebra of the general linear group. Corresponding to this split, the restriction of ω to $L(X)$ splits into two forms, $\omega = \lambda + \theta$ where λ is $\mathfrak{gl}(4, \mathbb{R})$ -valued, and θ is the \mathbb{R}^4 -valued *canonical* form of the bundle $L(X)$. The curvature of λ is $\Lambda = D\lambda$, and the **torsion** Θ of the connection λ is defined by $\Theta = D\theta$, D being with respect to λ . Then, on $L(X)$, the following holds: $\Omega = \Lambda + \Theta$. Due to this 2 implies the following Bianchi identities for λ :

$$D\Lambda = 0, \quad D\Theta = \Lambda \wedge \theta \quad (3)$$

Here the covariant exterior derivative D is with respect to λ .

The 2-forms Λ and Θ , the linear and rotational aspects of Ω , respectively, contain all the physical fields along with various quantum numbers such as charges, spin, helicity etc. We will see next how to identify this information in these forms. Meanwhile, we notice that these two forms are mathematically equivalent to tensor fields L and T , respectively, on the base space X . We call ω , and Ω , Θ **universal local connection**, **universal local curvature**, and **universal local torsion form**, respectively. The last two are equivalent to two tensor fields U and T on X , and are called **universal local field** and **universal local torsion**, respectively. These satisfy $U = L + T$.

We identify the trace \bar{T} of T with the spin-helicity vector: the three space components of \bar{T} representing the spins in three space directions, while the fourth, the time component, representing the helicity. Together, we call these the components of the **spin-helicity** field. The traceless symmetric part \underline{T} , on the other hand, represents new properties of particles that we call **spin** and **heluxity**.

Now, given an observer, as described in (II B 1), our frame bundle $L(X)$ physically reduces to a Lorentz subbundle $G(X)$, with the Lorentz group G as the structure group. (actually this happens only on the region covered by the observer, but we still use the letter X for this region.) The general linear algebra splits as a direct sum $\mathfrak{gl}(4, \mathbb{R}) = \mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{d}$, where \mathfrak{g} is the Lie algebra of the Lorentz group, and \mathfrak{d} is a subspace (not a Lie subalgebra) invariant under the restriction of the adjoint representation of $GL(4, \mathbb{R})$ to the Lorentz group. Indeed, $Ad(G)(\mathfrak{d}) = \mathfrak{d}$. Because of this, the restriction of λ to $G(X)$ splits into two forms $\lambda = \gamma + \delta$, with γ being a connection on the principle bundle $G(X)$ (not the Levi-Civita connection), and δ is a \mathfrak{d} -valued 1-form invariant under the adjoint action of G on \mathfrak{d} . Corresponding to this split, the curvature form Λ splits into two components, $\Lambda = \Gamma + \Delta$, where $\Delta = D\delta$, the exterior covariant derivative of δ with respect to the connection γ . Note that Γ is \mathfrak{g} -valued, whereas Δ is \mathfrak{d} -valued. These forms are equivalent to 2-forms on the base space X , with values in a \mathfrak{g} -bundle and a \mathfrak{d} -bundle respectively, associated with the principle bundle $G(X)$. These in turn are equivalent to tensor fields G and D so that the curvature tensor L of λ splits as $L = G + D$. Here, G is the Riemann curvature tensor field of the metric connection γ , (this is not the Riemann curvature tensor of the Levi-Civita connection), whose value at a point x is in the tensor space $T_x \otimes T_x^* \otimes T_x^* \otimes T_x^*$. We will see that this tensor contains the energy-momentum tensor as well as the gravitational field. Note that the above split spells the exact relationship between gravitational aspects, G , and non-gravitational aspects, contained in D .

The adjoint representation of G described above splits into irreducible component representations, $\mathfrak{d} = \mathfrak{f} \oplus \mathfrak{p}$, where \mathfrak{p} is the subspace consisting of all traceless, symmetric 4×4 matrices, and \mathfrak{f} is the subspace consisting of all the scalar multiples of the

identity matrix, $\text{diag}(1, 1, 1, 1)$. The corresponding $Ad(G)$ -invariant decomposition of Δ is $\Delta = \Phi + \Pi$. Correspondingly, D splits into two tensors on the base space: $D = F + P$. Later, we will see how F contains the electromagnetic phenomena (the force field and the charge), and P turns out to be the tensor product of the strong and the weak phenomena. Indeed, \mathfrak{p} is a tensor product of two irreducible $Ad(G)$ -invariant components, $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{s} \otimes \mathfrak{w}$, with corresponding decompositions of the 2-form Π and the field P , $\Pi = \Sigma \otimes \Psi$, and $P = S \otimes W$.

Thus, we have derived three more fields, F , S , and W , besides the Riemann curvature tensor G .

To summarize, we collect:

$$\Omega = \Gamma + \Phi + (\Sigma \otimes \Psi) + \Theta \quad (4)$$

$$U = G + F + (S \otimes W) + T \quad (5)$$

$$D\Gamma + D\Phi + D(\Sigma \otimes \Psi) + D\Theta = 0 \quad (6)$$

When all but one of these fields are assumed absent, we have, respectively,

$$D\Gamma = 0, \quad D\Phi = 0, \quad D(\Sigma \otimes \Psi) = 0, \quad (7)$$

and will be called the local **gravidynamic**, **electrodynamic**, **chromoflavodynamic** equations respectively. Here, D is with respect to γ , the linear connection. Of course, several other equations can be deduced under other conditions.

Consider the Riemannian curvature tensor R . It has two aspects: \underline{R} , the Weyl conformal tensor, and \overline{R} , the Ricci curvature tensor. These are essentially the “traceless” and the “trace” parts of R , and completely determine the latter. More generally, each of our fields, G, F, S, W , and T derived from Ω can be analyzed into traceless and trace parts: $\underline{G}, \overline{G}; \underline{F}, \overline{F}; \underline{S}, \overline{S}; \underline{W}, \overline{W}; \underline{T}, \overline{T}$. We identify the trace part with a source and the traceless part with the corresponding “force” field. Thus, for example, \underline{G} and \overline{G} are identified as the gravitational field and the energy-momentum tensor.

b. Conservation of forces and charges Note that the individual equations, gravidynamic, electrodynamic, and chromoflavodynamic, are conservation laws. Since the operation (contraction) used in forming the trace part and the traceless part of G, F, S, W , and T commutes with the covariant derivative, the above mentioned equations give rise to similar equations for these individual sources and forces. Thus, for example, when any one of this equation is satisfied, i.e. when any one of G, F, S, W , and T is conserved, the corresponding source and supply are conserved individually. Thus, for example, if $D\Gamma = 0$, holds, as it does in the absence of other fields, it follows that

$$D\underline{G} = 0, \quad D\overline{G} = 0. \quad (8)$$

Similar equations hold for the remaining four fields. The trace and traceless parts of the remaining fields S, W , and T are identified respectively with strong (color) current density and strong force fields; weak (flavor) current density and weak force fields; spin-helicity field and the corresponding “force” field, spin-helicity. Thus, it is seen that sources and forces are just aspects of a unified whole.

c. Einstein and Maxwell equations When all other fields are assumed absent, the identification of \overline{G} with the energy-momentum tensor reduces to the Einstein equation, since energy-momentum tensor is necessarily conserved. Similarly, the identification of \overline{F} with the current density, and of \underline{F} with the electromagnetic field implies the Maxwell equations.

4. Structure of particles and interactions

Basic constructions: We propose that the observed particles/fields are nothing but the manifestations of the field Ω with varying intensity of the constituent fields. For instance, electron is a field/particle whose only nonzero components are (i) negative charge field (ii) energy-momentum field (iii) spin-helicity field. Similarly, we view leptons, quarks, and so-called gauge bosons as particles/fields with various combinations of nonzero field components.

Interactions: All the elementary fields interact *because* they have to satisfy equation (6). All the interactions are built into this equation.

1. Nonlocal calculus of fields

a. Nonlocal integration With the terminology of (1), the **nonlocal integral of any field F at x** , $(\int F)(x)$, is defined by

$$(\int F)(x) = \int \lambda_{yx}(F(y))dy \quad (9)$$

This defines a new field $\int F$, called the **nonlocal integral** of F . Note that F encodes the nonlocal dependence of $\int F$. Thus, an important question arises: for what field(s) f , $F = \int f$? In other words, we would like to know how a field is nonlocally put together. For this we define nonlocal derivative.

b. Nonlocal derivative The **nonlocal derivative** of a field F is defined to be a field DF , given by

$$DF(y) = \lambda_{xy}(\partial_y F_x(F(y))). \quad (10)$$

Where F_x is the function given by $F_x(y) = \lambda_{yx}(F(y))$, and $\partial_y F_x$ stands for its derivative at y . The significance of the nonlocal derivative is that the following theorem holds.

c. Fundamental theorem of nonlocal calculus

Theorem 1 Let F be a field, then

$$\int DF = F = D \int F \quad (11)$$

This theorem establishes the crucial conceptual link between (nonlocal) derivation and (nonlocal) integration. Also, several computations that would be impossible to carry out are made possible by this theorem.

Following the case of (local) derivatives, we can repeat the process of taking nonlocal derivative and get successive derived fields $F^{(1)}, \dots, F^{(n)}, \dots$. Note that $\int(F^{(n)})$ is $F^{(n-1)}$. Here $F^{(n-1)}$ prescribes the nonlocal dependence of field $F^{(n)}$. Also, we write $F^{(-1)}$ for $\int F$ and by repeated application of the operator \int , we get a sequence of fields which we denote by $F^{(-2)}, F^{(-3)}, \dots$ etc. Thus, we can talk about fields $F^{(n)}$ for any integer n (with the convention that $F^{(0)}$ denotes F). Now we are ready to formulate nonlocal equations.

2. Nonlocal field equation

a. Differential equations A **nonlocal differential equation** in terms of an unknown field F is one which involves functions of $F^{(n)}$ where n may take finitely many integer values. Symbolically,

$$\mathcal{G}(F^{n_1}, \dots, F^{n_k}) = 0, \quad (12)$$

where k is a positive integer, and \mathcal{G} is a function of k arguments. With this vocabulary, the nonlocality principle implies that an elementary field satisfies the fundamental nonlocal equation

$$dF = 0. \quad (13)$$

where $dF = F - DF$. Note that this equation is just a re-wording of equation (1).

All fields measured at very small scale satisfy this nonlocal equation. This is not true for other physical fields, such as heat and sound in gases. This is because the phenomena concerned are generally scaled at macro scales at which the effects of nonlocal connections are not significant. But when we investigate the behavior of fields at scales where nonlocality effects are significant, they satisfy equation (13)—and no partial differential equations are satisfied. Indeed, measured at this scale, fields can not even be assumed smooth. Thus, our only recourse in this case, is to solve the nonlocal equations.

b. Nonlocal field equation To begin with, we note that the universal local field U , satisfies the nonlocal differential equation

$$dU = 0 \quad (14)$$

This equation will be called the **nonlocal field equation**. Indeed, (14) contains enough information to let us extrapolate partial data on the field configuration to entire spacetime. Also, it is a consequence of nonlocality principle rather than being an additional hypothesis. Now we derive field equations for various field constituents of the universal field U . From (14) and (5) we have

$$dG + dF + d(S \otimes W) + dT = 0. \quad (15)$$

Assuming absence of all but one of G, F, S, W, T , at a time, we get

$$dG = 0, \quad dF = 0, \quad d(S \otimes W) = 0 \quad dT = 0, \quad (16)$$

respectively. We call these equations the nonlocal **gravidynamic** equation, the nonlocal **electrodynamic** equation, and the nonlocal **chromoflavodynamic** equation, respectively.

D. Quantum Phenomena: Quantum Observer

The most fundamental structure on spacetime is the nonlocal connection λ . This is an example of what we will call a (nonlocal) form. Unlike the usual fields, this field is defined at an *ordered pair of points*, and is an isomorphism from the tangent space of the first point to that of the other. In order to analyze λ , we develop an analysis of such forms.

1. Calculus of nonlocal fields

a. Chains and Forms We start with several definitions related to the concept of a **p -chain**. For a positive integer p , the p -cube I^p is the set $[0, 1]^p$ in \mathbb{R}^1 . Also, I^0 is just a singleton set, fixed once and for all. The point $(0, \dots, 0)$ in \mathbb{R}^1 , is denoted by e_0 , and the i^{th} unit vector for $i = 1, \dots, p$ is denoted by e_i . For $p = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ a p -cube in a manifold X is map $C : I^p \rightarrow X$. The point $C(e_i)$, $i = 0, \dots, p$ is called the i^{th} vertex of C , and is denoted by x_i . We call x_0 the initial vertex and x_p the final vertex of C . For the standard p -cube I^p we define faces $I_{(i;0)}, I_{(i;1)}$, for $i = 1, \dots, p$, to be the $(p-1)$ -cubes in \mathbb{R}^1 given by $I_{(i;0)}(x) = (x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}, \alpha, x_i, \dots, x_{p-1})$, where x is any point in $I^{(p-1)}$, and $\alpha = 0, 1$. The faces of a cube C in X are $(p-1)$ -cubes in X given by $C_{(i;0)} = C \circ I_{(i;0)}$. A **p -chain** in X is an element of the vector space generated by the p -cubes in X . The boundary ∂ of a p -cube C is the $(p-1)$ -chain given by

$$\partial C = \sum_{i=1; \dots; p; \quad \alpha=0;1} (-1)^{(i+)} C_{(i;\alpha)}. \quad (17)$$

The following proposition holds:

Proposition 1 For any chain C , we have $\partial^2 C = 0$, i.e.

$$\partial^2 = 0. \quad (18)$$

We inductively define an **edge** of the standard cube I^p as follows. An edge of $I^0 = 0$ is just the ordered pair of points $(0, 0)$. An edge of a I^1 -cube is simply the ordered pair consisting of its initial and final vertices in that order. An edge of I^p , for $p > 1$ is defined to be any an edge of any of its faces. A **p -form** is an assignment to every p -cube C of a set of affine homomorphisms of tangent spaces (at vertices) along its edges. Now we notice that a nonlocal connection ω is just a 1-form on X , where the homomorphisms are actually isomorphisms. A 0-form is an assignment of an affine operator on the tangent space at each point.

b. Derivative Given a p -form ω , we define its **derivative** to be a $(p+1)$ -form $d\omega$ given on a $(p+1)$ -cube C by applying ω on its faces $C_{(i;0)}$ with a multiplier $(-1)^{(i+)}$. We formally write this as follows:

$$(d\omega)_C = \sum_{i; \quad \alpha} (-1)^{i+} \omega_{C_{(i;\alpha)}} \quad (19)$$

We record the following:

Proposition 2 For any form ω , $d^2 \omega = 0$, i.e.

$$d^2 = 0. \quad (20)$$

c. Integral The **integral** $\int_C \omega$ of a p -form ω over a p -cube C is a homomorphism from the tangent space of its initial vertex to that of its final vertex, which is simply the sum of all the various compositions of homomorphisms along the edges of C ; each of these compositions begin and end at the T_x . This definition of integral can be extended to the boundary of a cube C by first evaluating the integral over each face $C_{(i)}$, multiplying it with the multiplier $(-1)^{(i+1)}$ and then further composing those from initial to final vertices of C .

Now we record the relationship between the integral and derivative in this nonlocal analog of Stoke's theorem.

Theorem 2 (Fundamental theorem of nonlocal calculus) *Given a p -form ω and a $(p+1)$ -chain C , we have the following:*

$$\boxed{\int_{\partial C} \omega = \int_C d\omega} \quad (21)$$

2. Nonlocal differential geometry

We consider a fiber bundle on the space X^2 . For every ordered pair (x, y) in X^2 the fiber is the set $L(T_x, T_y)$ of homomorphisms from T_x to T_y . This bundle will be denoted by L . The sub-bundle, $L(X^2)$, of L consisting of isomorphisms has fiber $L(T_x, T_y)$ at (x, y) . Let a pair (u, v) of frames, one for each T_x and T_y , be given; i.e., let isomorphisms $u : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow T_x$ and $v : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow T_y$ be given. Then we have a unique isomorphism $vu^{-1} : T_x \rightarrow T_y$ in $L(T_x, T_y)$. Now, the general linear group acts on the set of pairs of such frames by $g(u, v) = (ug, v) = (u, vg^{-1})$, where g is an automorphism of \mathbb{R}^4 . It can be easily verified that this makes $L(X^2)$ a principle fiber bundle with structure group $GL(4, \mathbb{R})$. Now we see that a nonlocal connection is nothing but a section of the principle bundle $L(X^2)$.

We define the **derivative** of a p -form ψ , with respect to a connection ω , to be a $(p+1)$ -form $D\psi$, given on a $(p+1)$ -cube C by the same formula (19) but replacing ψ by ω on edges other than those on $C_{(1,0)}$ and on $C_{(1,1)}$.

We define the **curvature** Ω of a nonlocal connection ω to be its derivative with respect to itself, i.e. $\Omega = D\omega$. A connection will be called **flat** if the curvature Ω vanishes identically.

We record the following theorem:

Theorem 3 *The connection ω is flat if and only if the corresponding infinitesimal connection ω is flat.*

The following identity is the nonlocal analog of Bianchi identity from (local) differential geometry.

Proposition 3 *The identity $D\Omega = 0$, holds for any connection ω .*

3. The field equation

Assuming that a Lorentzian metric is given on X , we have a reduction $G(X^2)$ of the principle bundle $L(X^2)$ with structure group G , the Lorentz group. Correspondingly, L splits into two bundles, $L = G \oplus D$. Where G consists of homomorphisms preserving the metric, and D is invariant under the action of the group G . Thus, Λ splits into a G -valued part Γ , and its D -valued complement Δ : $\Lambda = \Gamma + \Delta$. Finally, $D = F \oplus (S \otimes W)$, where each of the three bundles on the right are (group) G -invariant. Hence, Δ splits into three parts: $\Delta = \Phi + (\Sigma \otimes \Psi)$. Thus we have the decomposition,

$$\Lambda = \Gamma + \Phi + (\Sigma \otimes \Psi). \quad (22)$$

This equation describes how Λ naturally splits into its constituent nonlocal fields: Γ is the gravitational aspect, Φ the electromagnetic aspect, Σ and Ψ are the strong and weak aspects, respectively. All the forces and sources are contained in the same unified whole. ² Just as in the case of local universal field, we take the trace part of these nonlocal fields and identify those

²Note that there is no mention of a nonlocal 'torsion' Θ . This is because torsion is a purely local concept and there is no nonlocal analog for it. Thus, at nonlocal level, we only analyze the linear connection λ , and the nonlocal curvature Λ . Knowledge of λ determines the local affine connection ω , and the local curvature Ω includes the torsion of the local connection λ .

with the sources of the traceless force fields. For example, $\overline{\Gamma}$ and $\underline{\Gamma}$ are the energy-momentum field and the gravitational field, respectively (see Sec. c). The identity above, when applied to our universal nonlocal curvature, gives us **the field equation**:

$$D\Lambda = 0. \quad (23)$$

This equation, along with (Eq. 22), yields a detailed field equation:

$$D\Gamma + D\Phi + D(\Sigma \otimes \Psi) = 0 \quad (24)$$

III. THE CONCLUSION

A. Rotation of polarization of Light

The new field **spun-heluxicity**, the traceless part accompanying the field spin-helicity (a), would rotate the polarization of light³ (and other such ‘directed’ properties) just like curvature bends light.

B. Bending of light near magnetars

Since electromagnetism is a non-metric aspect of the universal connection, given a stellar object, such as magnetar, with an immense magnetic field that is comparable in curvature to its gravitational field, bending of light should be significantly different than that predicted by general relativity.

C. Parallelizability and shape of spacetime

We first note that existence of the nonlocal connection implies that spacetime has a trivial tangent bundle, and is orientable. We also note that nonlocality principle immediately implies that spacetime can not be compact (because image of it under the maps assumed in the principle is always an open neighborhood). Triviality of the tangent bundle strongly indicates the possibility of the spacetime being an open set of \mathbf{R}^4 . The simplest open set, \mathbf{R}^4 itself is our choice candidate. Note that this has nothing to do with the notion of size; the latter is dependant on metric. We are talking of the *topology* of spacetime; and from this viewpoint, \mathbf{R}^4 and the interior of the 4—sphere are the same thing.

D. No-singularities and big-bang

The general conservation principle (3) implies that if the gravitation part of curvature increases, then the non-gravitational part will compensate for it. Consequently, black-hole type situation can’t lead to singularities. This mechanism, which prevents singularities, can be interpreted as a sort of anti-gravity; it is not an extra force of nature, but is built into our theory by virtue of the grand conservation law (2).

The lack of absolute metric implies that there are no absolute notions of expansion and contraction of space. Thus, expansion is not an absolute feature of the universe. Given any point in spacetime, we can find a metric such that the sections spacelike with respect to this metric will appear to converge to this point. Thus no point of spacetime is any more, or less, exotic than any other point. Since the universe is noncompact, it may be incomplete; the ‘point’ to which spacelike sections seem to be converging may not even exist. On the other hand, if the universe is complete, i.e. without holes, such as \mathbf{R}^4 , then this apparent convergence does point to an actual point of spacetime—again there is nothing special about this point.

³Just before the submission of this paper, it was pointed out to the author that such phenomena have already been observed.

Notion of causality, in Newtonian world depended on the assumption of the notion of absolute time. After Einstein, it depended on the notion of time-like interval between point-events. This time-like character is an absolute in Einsteinian world. There is no absolute time, but at each point, the directions in which ‘time’ can flow, depending on the frame of reference, are restricted (‘future cone’ and ‘past cone’). And these depended on the assumption that there is a (Einsteinian-Lorentzian) metric present. And the notion of causality was formulated in this more relaxed yet prescribed directions of flow of ‘time’. Furthermore, the notion of causality was supported by the fact that there were two *separate* classes of directions in which time could flow. So much so that a direction’s character of being ‘time-like’ or ‘not time-like’ was called ‘the causal character’. Thus, the notion of causality in Einsteinian world is supported by the existence of an absolute metric of Lorentzian character.

We have seen that even the metric is arbitrary, and given any direction at a point event, we can find a metric according to which ‘time’ can flow in that direction, i.e. a metric such that the given direction is in the ‘future-cone’ (or ‘past-cone’) of that point. Consequently, there are no preferred directions of flow of time, i.e. *no notion reminiscent of time*; no notion of absolute past and absolute present. There is no absolute notion of causality.

That classical fields do seem to follow causal law with respect to each imaginable metric rests on the fact that classical fields are smooth and continuous, and so are the trajectories of classical particles. The metric gives us a chance to talk about causality, and the classical smoothness gives us classical causality—with respect to one and hence all Lorentzian metric.

Since the fields satisfying the equation (1)), i.e. fields as measured at very small scales, may not be smooth or even continuous, we would deduce a break of causality. However, this is an error, since there is no absolute notion of causality.

F. Micro predictions

Corresponding to the field spun-heluxity, there is a new particle property, which should be inferable from observation of rotation mentioned in section (III A) in particle interactions, as well.

Our viewpoint also validates particles of other fields such as sound and heat when these are determined at, and measured at, micro-scales, e.g. in solid-state. More generally, we predict **anyons** corresponding to *any* conceivable physical field determined at extremely small scale.

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